September's the time

You and your lawn

By James A. Smith
Extension Agent

September is an ideal time to spend some time with the lawn. Lawns need a "shot" of nitrogen. Some have spots that need to be "worked-up" and reseeded. In years like 1982, unless grass clippings are removed, the lawn needs to have a thatch remover run over the lawn and clippings removed. Don't criss-cross, work in only one direction and early next spring remove remaining thatch traveling at right angle to the fall removal. The reason for not going criss-cross at one time is the danger of dry weather seriously affecting the stand. Now is also a good time to pull soil samples and if lime is needed, make an application before winter sets in.

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The Holstein Steer Sale last Wednesday had 411 head sold, weighing about 800 pounds for an approximate average of $52.50. The high was 55c and low of 47c.

Dairymen with excess pasture may want to consider growing some Holstein Steers. It's another way of utilizing forages and adding to the farm income.

Prices at this sale were up about a nickel from last year.

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The Yearling Steer Heifer Sale is today (Thursday). More than 1000 head will be sold. One hundred nineteen animals came from Appomattox County. Consigning cattle are: Jimmy Braford, W. A. Harvey, Dancy McCraw, H. W. Ranson and Son, C. G. Ranson, Fred Thomas and James Ford.

This is the largest consignment from Appomattox to a yearling sale in some time.

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We had a fairly heavy infestation of Japanese Beetles this year and as you might expect white grubs are beginning to show up in the lawns.

If your lawn develops brown spots, better look under the turf for grubs. Diazinon and Dursban are good materials. The easiest way to control these pests is using either a 2% or 5% Diazinon granule. Granules are more expensive than liquids, but much easier to put down.

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We've had several calls about snakes in the home. Snake eggs are hatching and looking for a place to go.

There are several ways they can enter the home - - windows, doors, dryer vents, and cracks that parallel electrical wire openings or pipe entrances into the basement. It doesn't take much space for a young snake to enter. Filling spaces with steel wool, caulking or using a cement mix will generally do the job. Using quarter inch hardware cloth in the dryer vent would be helpful.

Once snakes enter the home, there are no good ways to force them to leave other than finding them and then killing or expelling them.

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Ed Anderson will have a consignment of bulls in the Junior Bull Test at the Red House Station this fall. It's good to see local producers participating in this important program.

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The Gypsy Moth movement for 1982 has nearly ceased. They were found in Mecklenburg, Goochland counties, and nine areas around Richmond.

The new Gypsy Moth Quarantine in Virginia, adopted by the VDACS is now effective. It will require inspection of certain "regulated articles," including nursery stock, logs, pulpwood, firewood, recreational vehicles, mobile homes and outdoor household articles if they move out of the designated quarantine area to uninfested locations in Virginia.

Appomattox citizens need to be aware of the potential problem and not accidentally bring this pest to our area.

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A feeder cattle sale in Farmville is scheduled for Friday, September 24. We have consignment farms but they should be in by Friday, September 10. Call our office if you are interested.

First Aid classes offered

Standard First Aid classes will be held every Wednesday night from Sept. 15 through Oct. 28 at the Appomattox Volunteer Rescue Squad building.

The classes will begin at 7 p.m. each Wednesday night during that period.

For additional information, contact Ray Noble at the Traveler's Inn Motel, 352-7451.

Happiness is 4-H

By Frank Sweet
Extension Agent

Next Monday is the big day for taking exhibits to the Five County Fair in Farmville. Nearly all exhibits should be entered in the Fair on Monday with the exception of baked goods and flower exhibits. Items such as crops, livestock, vegetables, crafts, woodworking, etc. are entered on Monday before 8:00 P.M. 4-H families may enter fair exhibits themselves by taking them to the Fair or they may bring their items by the Extension Office on Monday or 4-H members may take their Fair exhibits by the library at Appomattox Elementary School or Appomattox Middle School on Monday morning.

Several 4-H'ers have already signed up for the Hunter Safety Course to be taught September 21-23. This course is open to 4-H members in the 6th grade and up and their parents. The Hunter Safety Course is a six-hour program that is certified by the Virginia Game Commission and the National Rifle Association.

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A 4-H Officer Training Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 29, after school at Appomattox Elementary School. The purpose of the officer training will be to help newly elected 4-H officers understand their duties and responsibilities. 4-H officers who will be elected over the next several weeks are encouraged to attend and participate in the 4-H Officer Training.

4-H projects are due in the Extension Office by Friday, October 15. The 4-H projects are extremely important and all members are encouraged to turn in their last year's projects. Projects will be judged in late October and returned to the members with ribbons attached during their November meeting.

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National 4-H Week will be celebrated the week of October 4-9. This week is set aside each year to recognize 4-H'ers for their achievements each year. Appomattox County has approximately 800 4-H members.

MR. AND MRS. JOE L. HENRY show an eight-pound bass Joe caught this weekend in a watershed pond near Cullen. The bass, one of several Joe has caught weighing more than five pounds, hit a mass of nightcrawlers intended for a catfish. The Henrys are residents of Phenix. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Theodore Drewry completes training

Marine Pvt. Theodore F. Drewry, son of Maynard W. and Edna F. Drewry of Route 2, Box 114, Appomattox, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

During the 11-week training cycle, he learned the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

Bowmann available

Parents of students at Appomattox Elementary School may schedule a conference with principal Tom Bowmann on Tuesday evenings from 4:30-6:30.

This allows working parents to review their child's progress, cumulative records, and the curriculum offered at AES.

"It is a pleasure to sit down with parents after hours and discuss their child's education," said Tom Bowmann.

This is the third year that this service is being offered and it has proven to be very successful.

Parents may call the school at 352-7463 for an appointment. Conference may also be scheduled anytime during the day.

Letter to the editor

Rogers thanks Appomattox

To The Editor:

It was gratifying to witness the cooperation of the ACHS Chorale Booster members, and the generosity of the citizens of our county during our Labor Day Weekend Yard Sale. To those who contributed articles for sale, their time in selling and setting up the items for sale, and to the citizens who stopped by and made purchases and donations, I would like to express our most sincere appreciation.

Through the continued support of the citizens, the cooperation of the booster members, and the high-quality leadership of the Chorale Director Steve Lawrence, this extremely talented Chorale group of young people will become one of the best in our State!

Thank you and your staff for their interest in our organization and your coverage of this event. It was a big success.

Sincerely,
Peggy Rogers
Publicity Chairman

Contest end is near

The Appomattox Assembly's annual contest will end at the home of Mr. Milton Chamber on Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. Mr. Chamber's home is on Highway 616, approximately ¼ mile west of Cannan Baptist Church, in Vera.

Tickets for prizes, totaling $500, will be drawn prior to the regular assembly meeting, which will also be in Mr. Chamber's home.

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St. Jude benefit bike event set

Riders for the Sept. 18 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Wheels for Life Bike-a-Thon are now asking Appomattox citizens to back their efforts by pledging a contribution for each mile they ride.

"The money our riders earn will help continue St. Jude's life-saving study of childhood cancer that has become so important to children all over the world," said Bike-a-Thon chairman Peggy Simpson.

"We'll be showing that we care about children by helping this cause," Peggy said. "Please support your rider with a generous pledge, and then help them get the funds to us as soon as the ride is over."

"Each rider will be given a lap card when they register at Appomattox County High School Sept. 18," Simpson said. "Every time they ride through the check points, we'll initial the card. At the end of the ride, we'll check it and sign it to show that the rider earned what the sponsor pledged." Riders will then return to the sponsors to collect the pledges.

"We'll also be giving them a hospital bracelet saying, "I'm riding for Terry," during the ride. I'm sure most of them will still be wearing them while they make their collections," Simpson said. Terry is a St. Jude patient who represents all victims of the illnesses under study at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The ride starts at Appomattox County High School at 9 a.m. Sept. 18 (rain date Sept. 25), and is being sponsored locally by the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club.

For information, call 352-7882.

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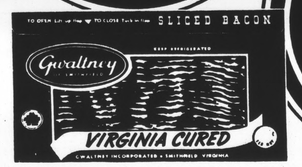

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